



**Delaware Bicycle Council
October 6, 2010
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health
Fran Cardaci
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Allison Kirk, Office of Highway Safety
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
John Pasquale, DHSS
Roger Roy – At-Large Representative
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDOT
Amy Wilburn, AT-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Tom Felice, DelDot Representative
Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant, DelDOT

Members Absent

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police
John Ray, Department of Education
Ted Williams, Council on Transportation

Guests/Public

Frank Warnock, Bike Delaware
James Wilson, Bike Delaware

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Amy started the meeting off by introducing 2 guests to the council members, James Wilson and Frank Warnock from Bike Delaware.

II. Old Business

- Updates

Bicycle Legislation

- Vulnerable Users – Senate Bill 269

The law is in effect. Fritz informed the Council that if no specific date is mentioned, the law goes in effect on the date it is signed.

- Enforcement of Law

Anthony asked how do we find out if the police are aware of the law and if it is being enforced. Fritz will look into this.

Bicycle Plan Updates

Anthony shared with the council members that the Newark Bike Committee was present at the table for Community Day at the University of Delaware and Dan LaCombe from DelDOT Planning attended the event. There were 2 safety checkpoints that took place on U of D campus. Over 200 student cyclists stopped at the booth.

Dover/Kent MPO

Anthony informed the council that this was the 3rd meeting held and the MPO continues to work on bicycle requirements.

Wilmington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Amy stated that the committee is presently working on an application to earn recognition as a LAB bike friendly community. Shared use markings have been purchased and they are in the standard form (No person on them), just bicycle. Anthony passed around a handout entitled “FAQ for Shared Roadway Markings”, which provided pictures of what each Shared Use Markings look like. He stated the Bike Rider for a bike lane marking is preferred by DelDOT, but the bicycle one is acceptable and he is making the same request for the Shared Roadway Marking. Amy also stated the committee is inquiring about a Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant. Members of the WBAC will be meeting Sarah Willoughby to discuss figure out how biking can be included in information about Wilmington provided to visitors and employers. Amy informed the council that we should contact DART to see if there is a way of incorporating bicycle information onto their bus schedules. The council agreed.

Roger stated that bicycle racks were placed in Wilmington. Roger suggested adding display bicycles to the racks to attract bicyclists. Anthony will check to see if we have bikes that we can display.

Delaware Bicycle Friendly Ranking

Anthony provided a handout to the council members entitled – Bicycle Council Goal Development (2008). The LAB has not yet provided specific feedback on the areas where Delaware needs to improve. Amy suggested the council members focus on updating Delaware's goals and this is something we could all speak about at the next council meeting in December.

Critical Pave and Rehab Projects

- SR 13 Dover
Anthony informed the council that a concept plan has been created. He also provided a handout to the council members that included Bay Road and the Route 13 split. It is suggested adding striping along this path and a crosswalk for bicyclists.
- SR 13 Wilmington (Philadelphia Pike)
Anthony stated that the project includes a combination of parking adjacent to bike lane width varies. He will be meeting with the designers next week to discuss the project and possibly lowering the speed limit within that area. He also informed the council a public meeting will be held in November and it would be a good time to discuss any issues or concerns then. Amy encouraged the council members to attend the workshop.
- Wilmington Pave & Rehab Projects
Amy stated that the City of Wilmington is reviewing the project issues and considerations. Anthony will ask about comments on the project.

Proposal from Insurance Commissioner

When we finalize the powerpoint/curriculum for the driver's education, we'll submit it along with a proposal to the insurance commissioner to be used in defensive driving classes.

Delaware National Hearing

Amy informed the council members that she had attended a meeting regarding Land Use projects for housing developments in Delaware. She spoke of one in particular, Toll Brothers development. She suggested that the Bike Council to submit a follow-up letter of support. The Council agreed. Amy also suggested to the council members to consider checking into 1 or 2 land use projects in their areas to share with the council at a later meeting.

Driver's Ed Teachers' Presentation

Judy and Amy handed out a copy of the presentation along with quiz to each of the council members that will be presented to the Driver's Ed teachers on October 8th. Amy and Judy are hopeful that presentation will provide awareness to the teachers and they will consider sharing the information with the students.

Middletown Bicycle Safety event-Middletown Police Department

Amy stated that this was a Pilot program. The event brought in 250 kids that wore helmets and they received coupons from the local Rita's. Amy also stated that she was waiting on a report regarding the event. Amy suggested expanding future events to other communities.

III. New Business

Bike and Pedestrian Funding

Amy suggested that the council ask for 3% of Transportation Trust Funds in addition to Complete Streets needs. The council members agreed and that a draft letter of support would be completed by James from Bike Delaware and discussed at next Council meeting.

Public Service Announcements

Amy asked Allison from Office of Highway Safety to share information on PSA's from Governor Jack Markell speaking on Bicycle Safety. The announcements can be heard on several different radio stations, WZBZ and WSTW. The PSA's will run through October.

Right turn lanes – alternative measures

James & Frank from Bike Delaware expressed their concerns regarding right turn lanes and how it affects bicyclists. It was suggested adding an additional line break near intersections to identify where bicyclists are able to turn. Fritz discussed the possibility of creating legislation and agreed to review the current motor vehicle code. Amy suggested to the bicycle council to draft a piece of legislation. The bike council members agreed and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Anthony will look into how other States deal with this issue as for as signing and/or markings.

IV. Next Meeting – December 1st.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm.